

Chapter 7

Public Participation and Comment

Section 224(b)(9) requires a description of the process that will be used for public participation and comment with respect to the State Plan.

7.0 Public Participation and Comment (Section 224(b)(9))

7.1 Description of Activities

CDE held three public hearings on the proposed *California State Plan* for Adult Education and Family Literacy. Educational providers that are currently providing one or a combination of adult education programs (ABE, ESL, English as a Second Language-Citizenship, and literacy services to incarcerated adults, adult secondary education, and family literacy) were asked to present up to three minutes of oral comment, supported by a written statement, at any one of the hearings or to submit written comments to CDE. The *State Plan* was available via the Internet at: <http://www.otan.dni.us/webfarm/stateplan/>.

CDE asked agencies that preferred to send or fax written comments to CDE no later than Monday, December 14, 1998, to:

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CDE conducted the following public hearings to obtain input to the *State Plan*:

December 8, 1998 @ 10:00 a.m.

Ronald Reagan State Building
300 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013
Contact: Venice Jenkins @ (800) 488-1788

December 9, 1998 @ 10:00 a.m.

Garden Grove Unified School District
Chapman Adult Education Center
11852 Knott Street
Garden Grove, CA 92840
Contact: Karen Dennis @ (714) 564-5105

December 10, 1998 @ 10:00 a.m.

Employment Development Building
722 Capitol Mall
Auditorium Room 1098
Sacramento, CA 95814
Contact: Venice Jenkins @ (800) 488-1788

Summary of Public Participation

1. The following agencies were represented at the three public hearings:
 - Adult Schools
 - Community Colleges
 - Community Based Organizations
 - Library Literacy Programs
 - Legislative Advocacy Groups
 - California Youth Authority
 - California Department of Corrections
 - California Department of Education
 - State Hospitals
2. The following agencies visited the online version of the *State Plan* and viewed a total of 3,644 pages.
 - Adult Schools
 - Community Colleges
 - Library Literacy Programs
 - Legislative Advocacy Groups
 - Corrections
3. Written responses were received from the following agencies:
 - Adult Schools
 - Community Colleges
 - Library Literacy Programs
 - Legislative Advocacy Groups
 - Corrections
 - County Offices of Education
 - Parents Advocacy Groups
 - Professional Organizations
4. Policies and Issues Committee, composed of representatives of adult education professional organizations, provided input and guidance to CDE.
5. The Adult Literacy Workgroup, composed of representatives of adult schools, library literacy programs, community-based organizations, and community colleges, worked to develop strategies to serve target populations.
6. The State Collaborative Literacy Council, composed of representatives from the California Conservation Corps, California Department of Corrections, California Department of Education, California State Library, Chancellors Office of California Community Colleges, Employment Development, and the Governor's Office of the Secretary for Education, reviewed the *State Plan* and provided comments.
7. The State Job Training Coordinating Council — composed of representatives of private business; local government; county government; state government; the California Department of Education; Manpower Temporary Services; the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency; the California Community Colleges; California Health and Human Services Agency; San Diego County SER/Jobs for Progress, Inc.; the City of Placentia; Proteus Training and Employment, Inc.; Riverside County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA); the Pacific Gateway Group; Orange County Business Council; Alliance for Education; Sacher Properties; Barbara Shaw Seminars; Operating Engineers Local Union 3; Public Performance Information Systems; London Consulting Group; Williams and Wallace Management Consultants; and the Corporate Training and Economic WVMCCD — reviewed the *State Plan* and provided comments.

7.2 Governor's Comments

To be added after Governor's review.

7.3 State Job Training Coordinating Council Letter of Support

The State Job Training Coordinating Council (SJTCC) reviewed the *State Plan* and found it to be in alignment with their objectives for Titles I and III of the *Workforce Investment Act*. The Council communicated their approval through a letter of support (see pages 7.4 and 7.5 for a copy of the letter).